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SUBJ: NOTICE OF GAO VISIT ON REVIEW OF FERTILIZER PRODUCTION
AND CONSUMPTION IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

FOR AMBASSADOR NEWSOM FROM STAFFORD MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE, USGAO,
SECSTATE FOR DIR OPERATIONS ANALYSIS AND GAO LIAISON (BF-GAO)
FEM-76-0-3

THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF
FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
IN PERFORMANCE OF THIS REVIEW, OUR REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO ARRIVE
IN JAKARTA ON JULY 28, 1975. WE ESTIMATE THAT WORK IN INDONESIA
WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 5 WEEKS.

WORK WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE EMBASSY, THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTER-
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND POSSIBLY OTHER LOCATIONS IN INDONESIA.
WE REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE AGENCY OFFICIALS BE INFORMED OF OUR
PLANNED REVIEW. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE,
AGRICULTURE, AND TREASURY AND THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOP-
MENT WERE ADVISED OF THIS REVIEW BY LETTERS DATED JUNE 23, 1975.

THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW IN INDONESIA, TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION
OBTAINED FROM INDIA, BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN, THE PHILIPPINES,
SELECTED UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR REPORTING TO THE CONGRESS AND INTERESTED
EXECUTIVE AGENCIES. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE FERTILI-
ZER SITUATION IS TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THE
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PROBLEMS, AND SUCCESSES EXPERIENCED BY SOME OF THE COUNTRIES

WHICH ARE OR MAY BE MOST AFFECTED BY A WORLDWIDE FOOD SHORTAGE.

IN THE FIVE COUNTRIES SELECTED FOR REVIEW, WE PLAN TO OBTAIN INFORMATION TO REPORT ON THE MAJOR FACTORS INFLUENCING FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION. THE FACTORS INCLUDE (1) UTILIZATION OF EXISTING PRODUCTION CAPACITY, (2) PLANS FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION CAPACITY, (3) AVAILABILITY OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD AND OPERATE ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY, (4) VARIOUS INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES AFFECTING THE USE OF FERTILIZER, (5) EFFECTIVENESS OF FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS INTENDED TO INCREASE FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND/OR USE, (6) UTILIZATION OF AID-FINANCED FERTILIZER AND, (7) ADEQUACY OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO PURCHASE THE COUNTRY'S FERTILIZER AND/OR FOOD IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN THE FUTURE.

WORK ON THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JAMES N. STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE, AND WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING GAO REPRESENTATIVES:

MALINER, ANDREW H., SUPERVISOR
PAGNILLO, GEORGE A.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PERSONNEL LISTED ABOVE HAVE BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET ON THE BASIS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE REPRESENTATIVES NAMED HEREIN PRESENT OFFICIAL U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY AND USAID OFFICIALS ON TUESDAY, JULY 19, TO START THE REVIEW. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS (3 SINGLES) AT THE PRESIDENT HOTEL. WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF FLIGHT NUMBERS AND ARRIVAL TIMES AS SOON AS FIRM.
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